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LETTER DATED 9 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We kindly request that the enclosed document "Joint Statement" by the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, and the President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudjman, be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Zvonimir SEPAROVIC
Permanent Representative of
the Republic of Croatia to
the United Nations

Annex

The President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. Alija Izetbegovic, and the President of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Franjo Tudjman, have met, in accordance with the wish expressed already in their Joint Statement of 15 June 1992, on the occasion of the CSCE Summit held on 8 June 1992 in Helsinki. Also present during the talks were the Ministers of Foreign Affairs Dr. Haris Silajdzic and Prof. Dr. Zdenko Skrabalo, the Head of the Office of the President of the Republic of Croatia Mr. Hrovje Sarinic, and the Foreign Policy Adviser of the President have given the following

JOINT STATEMENT

1. In consideration of the fact that both the States have recognized each other, they will establish, as soon as possible, diplomatic relations at embassy level. It has also been decided that the representatives of both Governments should meet as soon as possible to discuss topical questions of interest for both States.

2. In the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina Serbian and Montenegran forces have launched a new offensive in the immediate vicinity of the border with the Republic of Croatia (Bosanska Posavina), and there have also been continuous attacks of these forces on parts of the Republic of Croatia stretching from Slavonski Brod to Zupanja. All this is taking place at a time when the attention of the global public is drawn to the events in Sarajevo, where attemps are being made to establish an efficient airlift and an overland corridor to deliver humanitarian aid to the suffering citizens. Because of justified concern for the lives and survival of the citizens of Sarajevo, the continuation of brutal aggression in other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and ethnic cleansing operations in the attacked by the aggressor still go unpunished and are being concealed.

3. In view of the foregoing, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Croatia have common interests in the defence of their independence and territorial integrity from Serbian and Montenegran aggression.

Both Presidents have agreed that this common interest should be realized by ways and means envisioned in the United Nations Charter and underlying the Acts of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

4. The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina appreciates the efforts made by the international community and by the Republic of Croatia in providing help, and in particular the reception and accommodation of a great number of refugees, citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

5. Both Presidents reiterate the commitment of their States to the principle whereby, after the cessation of war in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the internal system of this State will be set up democratically on the basis of equality of the three constituent nations of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Helsinki, 8 July 1992

(Signed) Franjo TUDJMAN
President of
the Republic of Croatia

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President of the Presidency of
the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina